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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004, Paper No. 7, and Examiner's comments with regard thereto, please reconsider the above-entitled application in view of the remarks presented hereinafter.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. 2. (canceled)
- 3. (previously canceled)
- 4. 15. (canceled)
- 16. (currently amended) In a communication system supporting mobile IP, wherein a mobile node is operable to connect to a network infrastructure via one or more gateway routers, a method comprising the mobile node performing steps of:

determining that it is attached to a mobile gateway router associated with a mobile network wherein the mobile network is a home network of the mobile node;

determining a home address of the mobile gateway router;
obtaining a care of address comprising the home address of the mobile gateway router;
sending the care-of address to a home agent of the mobile node; and
maintaining a binding update list of one or more correspondent nodes that the mobile
node has been communicating with.

- 17. (canceled)
- 18. (canceled)
- 19. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the mobile node comprises a mobile router.
- 20. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the mobile node comprises a mobile network node detached from a mobile network.
  - 21. 23. (canceled)